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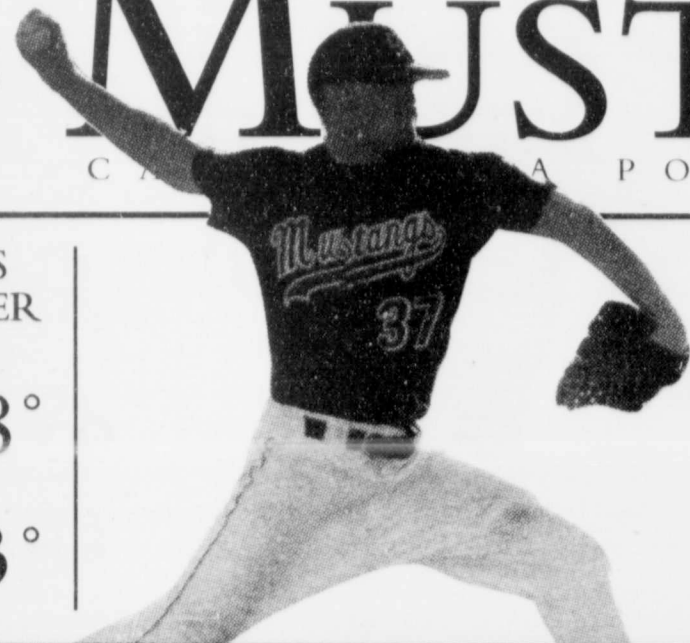
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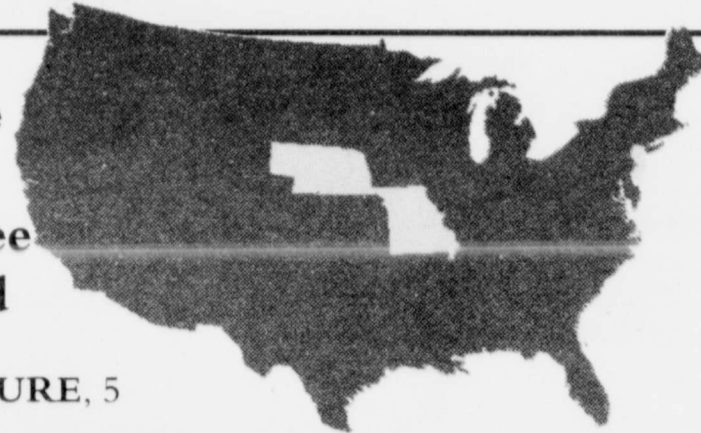
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CULTURE nurtures young minds

Cal Poly student volunteers work in pairs to teach local elementary schools about foreign languages, culture

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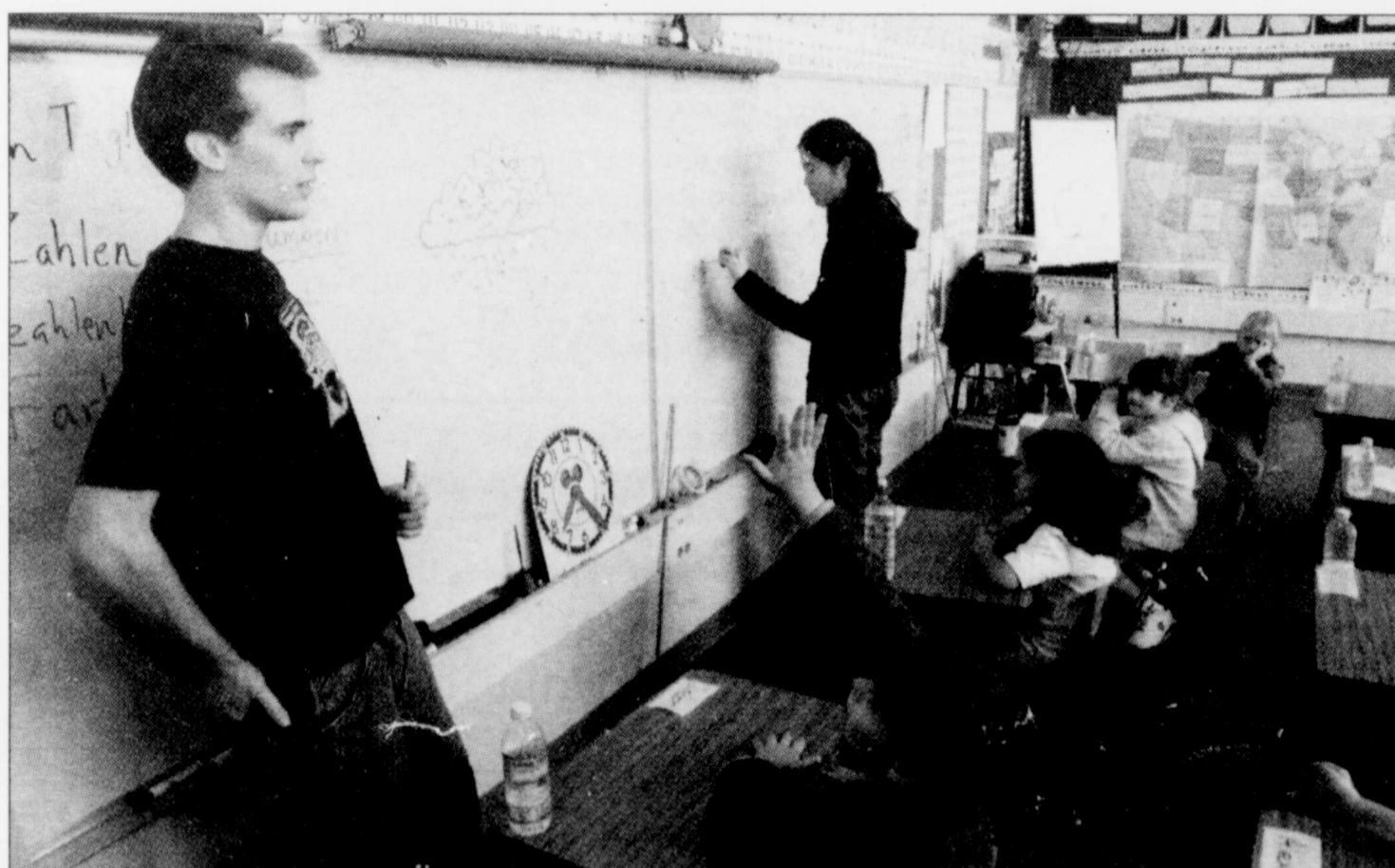
The CULTURE Club is sending Cal Poly students to local elementary school classrooms to introduce foreign languages and culture to children at an early age.

The CULTURE Club, which stands for Children Using Language To Understand "R" Earth, was started last year by students interested in bringing their knowledge of foreign languages and cultures to children within the community.

"The rest of the world usually learns languages earlier," said Kevin Van Houten, CULTURE Club President and modern languages and literature senior. "What we try to do is give the younger students the opportunity to spark interest in a foreign language."

Volunteers work in pairs to teach elementary students at Sinsheimer and Bishop's Peak elementary schools one or two days a week.

"It's good to give students the opportunity to learn about other cul-



Math sophomore Kiel Pratt and horticulture sophomore Valerie Gong teach children foreign languages in Mark Nakamura's Elementary School classroom.

NICK HOOVER MUSTANG DAILY

tures that we aren't directly involved with here in California," Van Houten said.

Currently, about 10 Cal Poly students teach basic Spanish, French and German to the children.

"We try to fill as many classrooms as they give us," Van Houten said. "We have filled every classroom that they have given us and hope to get into even more classrooms in the future."

The main focus of the club now is

to begin an after-school program.

"We would like to have the after-school program be one or two days a week for a half hour after school to

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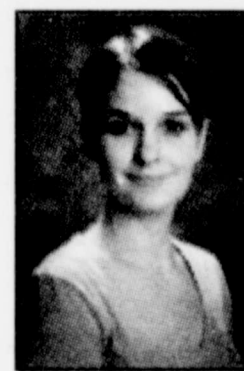
CITY PLANNING

Poly student awarded for planning skill

Between teaching, consulting and school, Elizabeth FitzZaland found the time to win the distinguished American Planning Association award

Amanda Samonte
MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly city and regional planning graduate student Elizabeth FitzZaland won the 2005 student Distinguished Leadership Award given by the American Planning Association.



Elizabeth FitzZaland

The award recognizes "the cutting-edge achievements of the planning profession and those involved in creating communities of lasting value," according to the APA.

Every accredited planning school in the United States nominates one student each year. FitzZaland is the second student from the College of Architecture and Environmental Design to win this award, making Cal Poly the only university to have a student win the award twice.

"I really didn't expect to receive this award because (the APA receives applicants) from schools like Yale and Harvard, so I was completely shocked," FitzZaland said.

Michael Boswell, a city and regional planning professor, nominated FitzZaland for her leadership skills within the department.

"She is academically talented, highly motivated and joyful in character," Boswell said.

FitzZaland teaches two undergraduate planning classes at the university, has a contract with a consulting firm and is taking 19 units this quarter. She said she works about 60 hours per week outside the classroom.

A Canada native, FitzZaland graduated with a degree in photography in Vancouver before moving to California. She became interested in city and regional planning while working as an architectural photographer in San Francisco.

"I want to help cities grow in a way that is environmentally friendly," she said.

After graduation, FitzZaland wants to either move back to San Francisco, or work for a year for the Vietnamese Association of Cities.

SCANDAL

The hits keep coming for the Univ. of Colorado

Judith Kohler
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DENVER — At the University of Colorado, a football recruiting scandal won't die. A professor's essay has likened some Sept. 11 victims to the Nazi who organized the Holocaust. And a fight against state funding cuts goes on.



Add finding a new president to the list of challenges facing the university's Board of Regents. President Elizabeth Hoffman said Monday she would step down June 30 or when a successor is named.

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Love those California winters



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From left to right, biology junior Matt Lopez, computer engineering junior Mike Wagner, animal science junior Aquila Corley and forestry junior Brandon Churrette soak up the sun at a house on Grand Avenue on Tuesday. The temperature will be in the upper 70s until Saturday.

Colorado

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"I've taken my future off the table so to some extent I can focus my attention on issues that face the university and not on my personal future," said Hoffman, who has been president for five years.

Hoffman said questions about her leadership have made it difficult to solve the university's problems, especially a football scandal that produced allegations of rapes, strip-club visits and alcohol-fueled sex parties for recruits.

Hoffman's resignation comes a little more than a year after allegations in the football scandal emerged.

Officials said a search committee to find a new president would soon be created, and observers inside and outside the four-campus system said there is no doubt there will be qualified candidates for the job.

"This is still a wonderful university," said regent Pat Hayes at a news conference Monday. "Hopefully, by the time the search plays out, we will have most of these problems resolved and some new processes in place."

At least nine women have said they were assaulted by Colorado football players or recruits since 1997, and an independent commission reported last year that Colorado players used sex, alcohol and marijuana as recruiting tools.

Recently, a sealed grand jury report leaked to the media said two female trainers alleged they were sexually assaulted by an assistant coach and that a "slush fund" was created with money from coach Gary Barnett's football camp.

The grand jury, which finished meeting Aug. 19, handed up a single indictment accusing a former football recruiting aide of soliciting a prostitute for himself and misusing a school-issued cell phone.

A parallel investigation by then-Attorney General Ken Salazar into the alleged assaults resulted in no charges; prosecutors cited concerns about evidence and the reluctance of the women to go forward with the cases.

There were other high-profile incidents, the latest surrounding activist professor Ward Churchill, who likened World Trade Center victims to the Nazi Adolf Eichmann.

Among other things, the professor said the people killed in the World Trade Center were "little Eichmanns," a reference to the Nazi bureaucrat who helped organize the murder of 6 million Jews. In February, administrators took the first steps toward a possible dismissal of Churchill.

David Ward, former chancellor of the University of Wisconsin in Madison, said the university is a first-rate research institution that should not have trouble attracting able candidates, despite the recent negative publicity.

"My view is that good people are prepared to take on challenges," said Ward, now president of the American Council on Education, a higher education advocacy group based in Washington, D.C.

Gordon Gee, chancellor of Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn., who was president at Colorado from 1985 to 1990, called Hoffman's resignation a tragedy. But he said he understood why she might choose not to keep weathering a "perfect storm" created by the convergence of controversies.

CULTURE

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have more individualized grouping and to go more in depth with the students," he said. "We are working with the schools to begin the program next quarter."

Van Houten said that first and second grade students are the best to work with because it is the best age to begin learning a language.

After studying abroad in Spain for a summer and traveling to 27 countries in four months, Van Houten said he wanted to bring back his love for languages and culture to influence young people. He has taught in three classrooms in both Spanish and German and now works as an English as a Second Language teacher and bilingual aid with local schools as a substitute teacher.

"Our long-term altruistic goal for the club is to have it begin in other universities," Van Houten said. "Right now it is run by students who want it to grow and reach all the schools in San Luis Obispo and eventually have it adapted to other schools in the Cal State University system and their communities."

Van Houten said that by having university students volunteer in local classrooms, it creates a greater tie between the university and the community.

There are more than 30 members involved in the club and each with a different major. The only expectation for students interested in teaching in the classrooms is the student must be at an intermediate language level with a decent command of pronunciation.

"Anybody who is interested in language and culture can teach with us," Van Houten said. "Students may be nervous to teach at first but the kids love it and it really is a blast."

The Culture Club will meet every other Tuesday at 7 p.m. in building three, room 111.

Pro-Syrian demonstrators gather in response to Hezbollah's call

Hundreds of thousands of people gathered in Lebanon's capital to counter weeks of demonstrations demanding that Syria withdraw its military forces

Tanalee Smith
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Nearly 500,000 pro-Syrian protesters waved flags and chanted anti-American slogans in a central Beirut square Tuesday, answering a nationwide call by the militant Shiite Muslim Hezbollah group for a demonstration to counter weeks of massive rallies demanding Syrian forces leave Lebanon.

Organizers handed out Lebanese flags and directed the men and women to separate sections of Riad Solh Square. Loudspeakers blared militant songs urging resistance to foreign interference. Demonstrators held up

pictures of Syrian President Bashar Assad and signs saying, "Syria & Lebanon brothers forever."

Other placards read: "America is the source of terrorism;" "All our disasters are from America;" "No to American-Zionist intervention; Yes to Lebanese-Syrian brotherhood."

Black-clad Hezbollah guards handled security, lining the perimeter of the square and taking position on rooftops. Trained dogs sniffed for bombs.

Large cranes hoisted two giant red-and-white flags bearing Lebanon's cedar tree. On one, the words, "Thank you Syria," were written in English; on the other, "No to foreign interference."

Participants stressed that the foreign influence they referred to was from the United States, France and other countries, not Syria, which they welcomed.

"Syria should not leave. We are one hand and one people," said 16-year-old

Esraa Awarki, who traveled by bus from Sharkiya in southern Lebanon. "Why do they want us to split now?"

The demonstration was in front of U.N. offices. Hezbollah opposes the U.N. resolution drafted by the United States and France last year calling for Syria to withdraw its 14,000 troops from Lebanon.

In Washington, President Bush demanded again that Syria pull its troops out of Lebanon and allow free elections.

"All Syrian military forces and intelligence personnel must withdraw before the Lebanese elections for these elections to be free and fair," he said Tuesday.

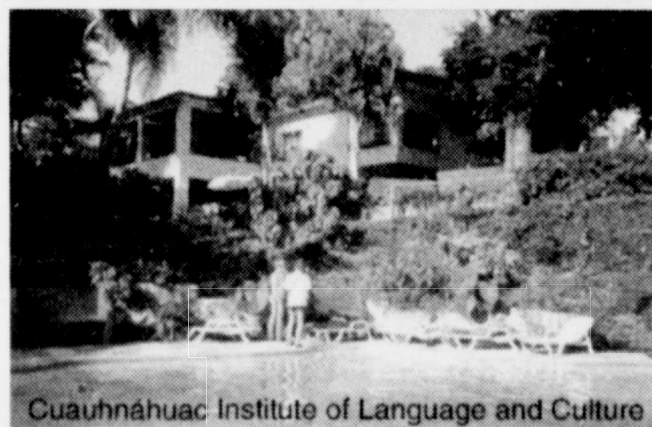
The demonstration came a day after Syrian and Lebanese leaders announced that Syrian forces would transfer to eastern Lebanon before the nations discuss a full withdrawal.

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STATE NEWS

SANTA MARIA — A 14-year-old boy who testified that Michael Jackson molested his brother acknowledged under cross-examination Tuesday that the pop star didn't show him a sex magazine that the prosecution had introduced as evidence.

The witness also said he lied under oath in a separate civil lawsuit. The teenager, who visited

Jackson's Neverland ranch for the last time in March 2003, became confused after Jackson attorney Thomas Mesereau showed him a copy of Barely Legal magazine dated August 2003. The boy had testified on Monday that the magazine was one of those that Jackson had showed to him and his brother.

SACRAMENTO — More than two months after the death of U.S. Rep. Robert T. Matsui, Sacramento voters were to decide

Tuesday whether he will be succeeded by his widow, Doris, or one of 11 other candidates.

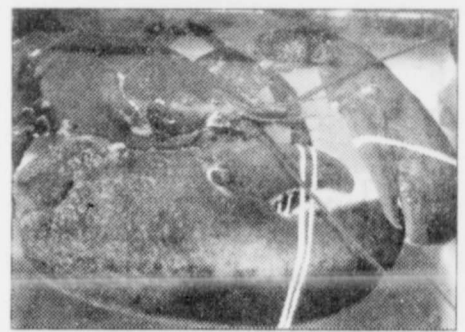
The vote comes after a seven-week campaign that quickly cleared the field of major Democratic challengers to Matsui, then pitted her massive fund-raising lead and Washington experience against a field of local candidates.

One candidate must win more than 50 percent of the vote to immediately assume Matsui's seat.

LOS ANGELES — Federal authorities have launched an investigation into allegations that a guard beat one of four Iranian brothers who have been detained for more than three years at an immigration detention center, authorities said Tuesday. Representatives of the Office of the Inspector General visited the facility on Monday to look into claims that Mohammed Mirmehdi was beaten after he intervened in an argument between his brother and the guard.

—Associated Press

IN OTHER NEWS



ASSOCIATED PRESS

PITTSBURGH — Everyone wants a piece of "Big Bubba," the 22-pound lobster who lived through the first moon landing, Vietnam, and even the fall of the Berlin Wall.

The huge crustacean, believed to be about 40 years old, generated some local buzz after turning up at Wholey's Market last week. He was spared a seafood fate and sent to the Pittsburgh Zoo last Tuesday, but died one day later.

Some of Bubba's meat will be sent to labs for testing to find out why he died, according to zoo spokeswoman Connie George.

The rest of Bubba is in demand, too.

"We've already had requests for different parts for research, so we'll definitely look into sending out parts, like his brain," George said.

But one thing that's staying put is Bubba's shell, which the zoo will use to educate local schoolchildren about lobsters.

A necropsy didn't find any reason for Bubba's death, but George said a possible explanation, was the stress of his move to the zoo.

—Associated Press

NATIONAL NEWS

HOUSTON — The driver of a tractor-trailer carrying more than 70 illegal immigrants was the most "heartless and evil" member of a smuggling ring because he didn't help his passengers as they slowly died, a prosecutor said Tuesday in his opening statements at the man's trial.

When the truck was discovered abandoned at a truck stop about 125 miles southwest of Houston in

May 2003, 17 of the people inside had died of dehydration, hyperthermia and suffocation, including a 5-year-old boy. Two others died later.

The driver, Tyron Williams, faces 58 counts of harboring and transporting illegal immigrants. If convicted, he is the only one of 14 defendants who could receive the death penalty, which federal law allows in fatal smuggling cases.

WASHINGTON — President

Bush hailed fresh signs of democracy in the Middle East on Tuesday, saying authoritarian rule is "the last gasp of a discredited past" and demanding that Syria withdraw from Lebanon.

"Freedom will prevail in Lebanon," Bush declared, rejecting the message from a demonstration in Beirut by nearly 500,000 pro-Syrian protesters who chanted anti-American slogans. Bush instead took sides with anti-Syrian demonstrators of recent days who have demanded that Damascus

remove its 14,000 troops from Lebanon.

NEW YORK — Six months after undergoing heart bypass surgery, former President Clinton will return to the hospital this week to have a rare buildup of fluid and scar tissue removed from his chest. "I feel fine," Clinton said Tuesday in Washington, adding that he plans to play golf in Florida a day before the operation.

—Associated Press

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The U.S.-led coalition in Iraq ordered a follow-up investigation Tuesday on the fatal shooting of an Italian intelligence officer as he accompanied a former hostage to Baghdad's airport last week. The announcement came after clashes erupted earlier Tuesday between U.S. troops and insurgents in the troubled city of Ramadi, leaving at least two people dead.

EREZ CROSSING, Israel — The ancient town of Jericho will be the first to be handed over to Palestinian control as part of the Jewish state's policy of separation from the Palestinians, an Israeli official said.

In a decision that could affect tens of thousands of Palestinians, Israel's army chief of staff said Tuesday that Israel aims by 2008 to have no more Palestinians working in its territory.

Before the Palestinian uprising,


some 150,000 Palestinians worked in Israel, and their wages were the backbone of the Palestinian economy. Since then, Israel has drastically cut the number of work permits for security reasons and has replaced many Palestinians with foreign workers.

ROSTOV-ON-DON, Russia — Chechen rebel leader Aslan Maskhadov, whom Russian officials claim was a key figure behind last year's school hostage crisis and other deadly terrorist acts, has been killed,

a spokesman for Russian forces said Tuesday. One report said Maskhadov was killed accidentally by his bodyguards.


Col. Ilya Shabalkin said Maskhadov was killed during a "special operation," but he did not elaborate. The Interfax news agency later quoted Shabalkin as saying Maskhadov had been killed in Tolstoy-Yurt, a village in the northern sector of Chechnya that generally has been under the tight control of Russian forces.

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Alcohol industry releases complaints on ad practices

Grievances argue alcohol ads promote 'sexual prowess' and are abundant in publications aimed at young readers

Martin Crutsinger
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Responding to growing concerns about underage drinking, an alcohol industry trade group said Monday it was making public for the first time the complaints it receives about its advertising practices.

The first report released by the Distilled Spirits Council discusses 15 complaints received last year, all of which involved print advertising. Most of the complaints came from other companies contending that their competitors' advertising practices violated the industry's voluntary guidelines.

Eight of the complaints involved accusations that the advertising of alcoholic beverages was being done in publications that had more than 30 percent youth readership, a violation of the marketing code.

The other complaints involved the use of sexually-suggestive photos and advertising copy that allegedly violated the trade group's voluntary prohibition against using "sexual prowess or sexual success as a selling point" for alcoholic beverages.

In all but four of the cases, the companies involved agreed to take corrective action, such as halting the offensive advertising or moving the advertising to publications that met the requirement of a readership level that was composed of at least 70 percent adults.

Peter Cressey, president of the Washington-based Distilled Spirits Council, said his group planned to follow the initial report with updates every six months.

"The issuance of public reports will make the spirits industry's self-regulatory process more visible, transparent and understandable to the public," Cressey said. He said the industry hoped by publicizing the complaint process, more members of the public would contact the

industry's internal review board with potential violations.

The Center on Alcohol Marketing and Youth, based at Georgetown University, applauded the decision to make the complaint process public but said much more was needed to deal with the problem of underage drinking, especially in the area of television ads.

Jim O'Hara, executive director of the center, said the report should serve as a reminder "that the alcohol industry can do more to reduce underage youth exposure to alcohol advertising."

O'Hara said the center released a report last fall that found 90,000 more alcohol ads had been aired on television in 2003 than two years earlier, with much of that growth spurred by a surge in distilled spirits ads on cable television.

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COMMENTARY

Getting hot with the 'Thermals'

Are you rockin' to the Thermals? Spin magazine doesn't think so. In its 2004 "Year in Music" issue, they lauded the Portland trio's album, "Fuckin' A," as one of the "10 Best Albums You Didn't Hear." But it's pretty hard not to listen in — its aggressive, gunshot punk is one of the loudest, most blissfully unprocessed sounds around, full of snarling, evasive lyrics and mosh-ready distortion.

And that attitude extends. Lead singer/songwriter Hutch Harris talked to the Art Beat about the state of the punk union, old men with mohawks and his second career making sandwiches.

AB: Describe your music to a first-time listener.

HH: People call us a punk band, but I try not to. I think it's just really catchy, short rock songs.

AB: Why do you not like being called a punk band?

HH: Because people's idea of punk is really fucked up right now because there's all these bad bands like Good Charlotte and shit like that. And if people think that's punk, I gotta make sure we don't get in that scene at all. For people who know exactly what they're talking about with punk, I'd call us a punk band.

AB: What do you generally try to convey in your songs?

HH: Intensity, emotional overload. We try to convey, I guess, that your head is about to explode (laughs).

AB: I could see that. OK, scale from one to 10: How much of a rock star are you?

HH: Whoa ... In my own head, someday I'll think I'm a one, others I'm totally a 10. In reality, the band's probably about a four — I mean, we all kinda still work jobs. We don't have lavish lifestyles. We don't know a lot of famous people. It's like most of the bands in the world are under zero, under one and we're probably about a four.

AB: Wait, what?

HH: (pleased) Yeah. A four.

AB: OK ... So you mentioned having other jobs. What are they?

HH: Jordan (Hudson, the drummer) and I work at a café in Portland that's a really good place to work if you tour and travel — a lot of kids in bands work there. They give us insurance, let us take time off.

AB: What's it called?

HH: Stumptown, which is a nickname for Portland. Kathy (Foster, the bassist) does design stuff, like T-shirts and stationery design.

AB: How much creative control do you have over your music, from start to finish?

HH: Oh, 100 percent, which is awesome. Chris (Walla, producer and Death Cab for Cutie guitarist) worked with us the last time to make sure we got exactly what we wanted ... If you know exactly what you want, you have to pretty much keep your hands on it.

AB: What is your favorite song you've written so far?

HH: I really love "Every Stitch" on the newest record. I think that's it.

AB: Why that one?

HH: I don't know. That one's really fun to play. It gives me the chills — well, if we pull it off well. I'm very proud of it. When I write songs, I want to give other people the feeling I get when I hear a song I really, really love. So if there's a time when I feel like I pulled that off, I'm really happy.

AB: So what is necessary for a good punk song? And we're gonna call you punk.

HH: Cool! Well, it has to be short, it has to be to the point, it has to be pretty fast and it doesn't even have to be about something that important, as long as the finger is behind whatever they're singing. There has to be conviction in it. You could say that for any music, any style but it has to be in the lyrics and the delivery. It's gotta punch you in the face and kick you in the ass.

AB: Some musicians say it doesn't take a lot of skill to play punk. Thoughts?

HH: Yeah ... well, there are some skills. Can you play really fast? That's a skill. Yeah, and that sort of bad idea might be true, but no one that loves or plays punk should find it insulting. One of the best things about punk is that it's like folk music — it's so simple, and that's the point of it.

AB: Do you think you have to be young to play it?

HH: Yeah. I don't even know how much longer this band can go on. There's definitely a cap. You see a Sex Pistols reunion tour and that shit is pretty boring. You don't want to see your dad or your grandpa running around.

AB: What's your favorite Thermals lyric?

HH: Oh man ... I like the lyrics for "An Endless Supply" on the first record: "Every call you never made/Every call you waited for never came/Every H in town/Passed through your ears/In an endless supply of ones and zeros." Yeah, that's the stuff.

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OUR AMERICA

American culture during its finest moments

LINCOLN, Neb. — An animal rights group has beef with the state fish.

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals is asking Gov. Dave Heineman to declare the channel catfish, Nebraska's state fish, off limits to fishing.

PETA launched a campaign last year to ban fishing, arguing that it is a sport and that fish are sensitive animals no more deserving of being eaten than a pet dog or cat.

"We ought to protect channel catfish in a manner appropriate to a state symbol ensuring that they don't suffer needlessly at the hands of anglers," said the letter sent Friday and signed by Karin Robertson, who is identified as PETA's fish empathy project manager.

"Fishing is a time honored tradition in Nebraska, and I have no intention of modifying Nebraska's fishing guidelines," he said.

The channel catfish, was named Nebraska's state fish in 1997 by then-Gov. Ben Nelson.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — In the eyes of one Missouri legislator, the show-me state needs to tone down its image, as far as the adult entertainment industry is concerned.

"Travelers in our state are being sent a signal that Missouri is a porn-friendly state," said Sen. Matt Bartle. To combat that, Bartle has sponsored a measure for a sin tax.

The proposal cleared the state Senate with little debate on Monday.

Under the bill, tipping strippers would be illegal, as would any physical contact between exotic dancers and their customers. Total nudity would be banned and no one under 21 could work in such businesses.

TRENTON, N.J. — The humble tomato may technically be a fruit, but lawmakers here consider it a vegetable.

Members of the Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee on Monday approved a measure designating the Jersey tomato as the official state vegetable. A similar proposal is pending in a Senate committee.

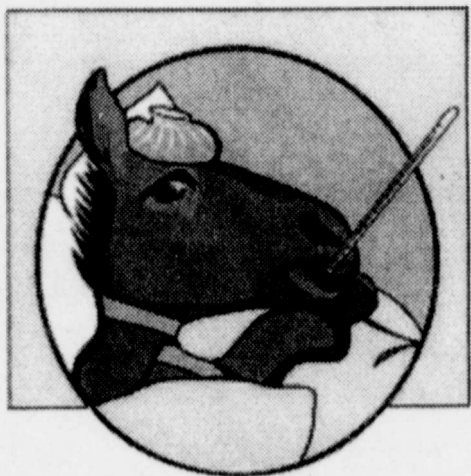
Sponsors of the measure get around the fact that the tomato is considered a fruit by using a century-old U.S. Supreme Court ruling that slapped a vegetable tariff on tomatoes.

"Botanically it's a fruit, legally it's a vegetable," said Sen. Ellen Karcher, who is co-sponsoring the Senate version of the bill. "Any of these bills that promote statewide pride is something we should embrace."

The Jersey tomato's ride through the Legislature began after a group of fourth-graders wrote letters urging lawmakers to adopt a state fruit. The beloved blueberry won out, and it, not the tomato, took its place last year as the official state fruit.

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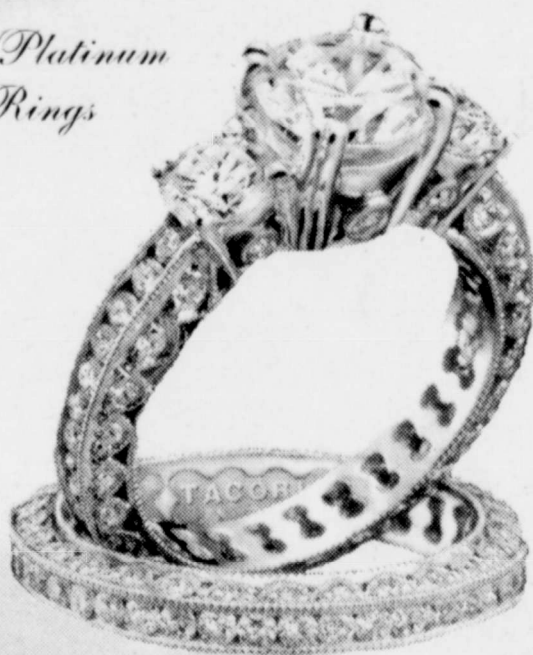


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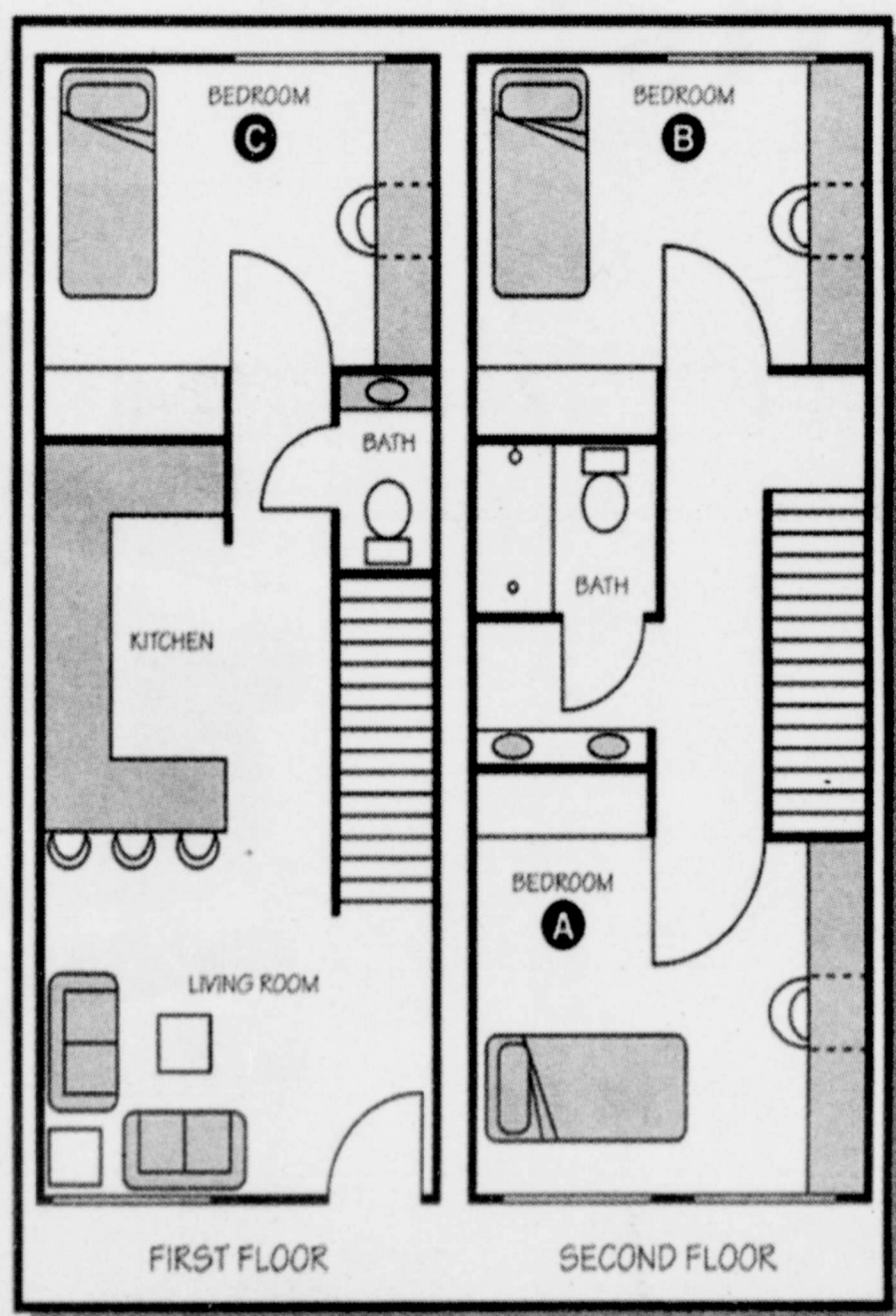
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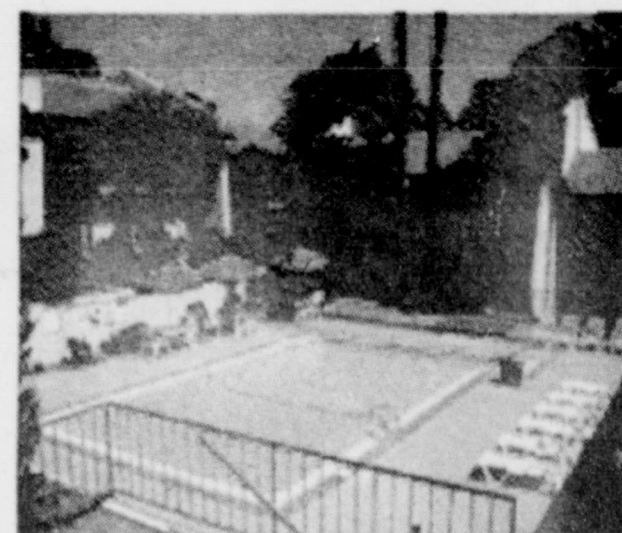
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COMMENTARY

Poly's politics: Not too radical

Colleges are known as hot beds of political liberalism — unless of course you're "lucky" to attend Jerry Falwell's Liberty University or Bob Jones University. In the case of Bob Jones, I can't help but act like an immature "high schooler" when learning about people who go there. It strikes me as a bit awkward for a school teaching abstinence-only education referred to by the acronym "BJU." Or maybe that's just consistent with their policies?

At Cal Poly, many liberals complain how "ultra-conservatives" dominate this campus. There's even a group on thefacebook titled, "Help, I'm surrounded by conservative Christian Cowboys and I can't get out." Although the population of San Luis Obispo tends to be slightly conservative, it's not like we're living in Lynchburg, Virginia where Liberty University is located.

The student body here is actually quite diverse when it comes to political issues. All anyone needs to do is read the "Letters to the editor" or check out different political clubs on campus. For instance, I can walk by all the conservatives to get a tri-tip at Campus Market, and then stroll over to the Women's Center to talk about feminism. Liberals and conservatives balance each other out and this helps contribute to a comprehensive education.

A college dominated by liberalism or conservatism is one of my biggest fears.

Just imagine the utopian liberal university. All the students are vegetarians, shop at the Goodwill and ride bicycles to campus. Zionism equals racism while La Raza equals multiculturalism. At this liberal utopia, don't forget to use "politically correct" language. Referring to someone as a "white male" won't do anymore. You must say "white heterosexual male of non-Hispanic origins." Also, when referring to gay men and lesbians, drop the "LGBT" and use the more inclusive "LGBTIQ" — the "I" is for "Intersex," and the "Q" means "Questioning" because we can't leave anyone "out."

In the conservative utopian campus, gay people don't exist, everyone drives Hummers and trickle-down economics works. Only two majors exist which are agriculture and Bible. "Political correctness" also runs deep here. "Social Security privatization" must be called "Social Security reform" even though the former is correct. "Suicide bombers" need to be referred to as "homicide bombers" because FOX News is the only available channel.

Of course these are all stereotypes, but liberals and conservatives taken to the extreme exhibit identical similarities. Both will shut down free-speech and institute their own "PC" language. In the aftermath of Sept. 11, comedian Bill Maher was ironically forced to leave his show "Politically Incorrect" for saying something "politically incorrect." He simply implied the terrorists were not "cowards." It's not like he told a caller to his show to "get AIDS and die" like Michael Savage did on his MSNBC show. Savage deserved his removal because of the threatening and intimidating language he used.

Whether you're liberal or conservative, everyone should respect free-speech and try to understand other people's points of view — even offensive views. When someone criticizes an idea, this does not automatically mean they're racist, sexist, homophobic, anti-American, communist or a hippy. Luckily we live on a campus with political diversity which can be used to engage in serious and honest debates. If you don't like free speech and political diversity, then maybe you should consider transferring to Berkeley or Bob Jones.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

People should spark debate with more than party elitism

I've had enough. Every time I open this paper to the opinion page, it's always the same childish "I'm rubber you're glue" type arguing. To me, the political opinions expressed in this section should all end in "neener-neener" and a picture of the writer sticking his or her tongue out.

If you spent less than half as much time thinking of new ways to insult your opposition and further divide America as you did actually analyzing the problems in our country and forming opinions and possible solutions, I'm sure you would find yourself sounding much more intelligent than "Liberals/Republicans should be neutered."

We are spending too much time in the mud slinging dirt on one another. We need to wash ourselves off and spend some time in the garden digging up the roots of our problems.

Grow up. This sounds funny coming from a freshman, but nonetheless I feel compelled to say it. Don't waste your intelligence on new and clever ways to get high-fives from your friends with identical political views, put it to good use, start a debate about something other than party superiority. This country will be better for it.

Brian McMullen
Journalism freshman

Being a minority is not a substitute for character

I find it hard to believe that the Republican party is the party for minorities. Most republicans aren't racist, but I hate it when they accuse the other side of being racist. First off, if the Republican party was the primary choice for minorities, why does the South, which was and still is the most racist region of the country, vote

overwhelmingly Republican?

Also, 88 percent of Bush's voters were white. The other 12 percent were not all black, so his doubling of support from blacks is nearly meaningless. Many conservatives have also been for racial profiling, an ineffective method of catching criminals. Bush is also against affirmative action. Contrary to popular belief, it lets minorities enroll only if they live up to numerous other qualifications; race is not the only factor.

Also, Bushman, how many friends do you have who are black or Hispanic? If you have any, I'm surprised you didn't even mention their opinions in your last column. Also, poverty among blacks went down every year of the Clinton Administration, but has gone up since Bush came into office.

The Bush Administration probably does have one of the most diverse cabinets, but being a minority is no substitute for character. I don't think anyone who ignores terrorist warnings should be Secretary of State (Condoleezza Rice) and anyone who thinks of torture as an appropriate tool should not be allowed in the White House (Alberto Gonzales).

Michael Parks
Animal science sophomore

E-mail system is easily susceptible to identity theft

Today, I filed the form to change my student ID to a random number. Yesterday, my instructor used the security mechanisms of the central UNIX system as an example of a security system, which stores all student records. The admins have set up a password policy that is dangerous.

I am sure you are familiar with it, for it is the same policy used by Cal Poly open mail system. The danger is that the password system is too restrictive. How many of you had to write down your password for that system because it was too hard to remember? I did myself at first, and as a computer science major, I am used to handling strong passwords. Now imagine for a minute the large number of employees that have

access to student records. I wonder how many of them write down their passwords? Several of the instructors have had to write down their passwords. Computer science professor Clark Turner has not changed his password for some time because he cannot remember these passwords (his current password is before the policy).

I am confident that in three days, I could gather enough passwords to steal the records for several hundred students, and with the Social Security number as the Student ID number, I could easily steal their identities. And the worst of it is, no one would be the wiser. The security breach would be undetected.

Josh Hudson
Computer science graduate

Not all homeless people are lazy or unemployed

I was walking downtown last weekend when I noticed a loud group of students in front of me. They were approaching a homeless man. As the group passed, they ridiculed him with comments like, "McDonald's is hiring" and "You should be arrested for trying to steal my beer money." I felt angry and hoped they would turn around when I gave the man some cash. But, alas, they were too involved in their own selfish worlds to realize anyone else was around.

My anger then turned to depression, the root cause of which I'm still trying to discern. People aren't taught that many are born on the streets and have no way of getting out, that many work full-time jobs at Gottschalks and Taco Bell but still can't pay for housing, that not everyone is born into upper-middle class homes.

It's unfortunate that people have to resort to taunting the less privileged to boost their self-esteem. Next time you see a homeless person, don't automatically label them as lazy and unmotivated. Realize that they aren't out there by choice, but because they have nowhere else to go.

Jonathan Allen
Biological sciences senior

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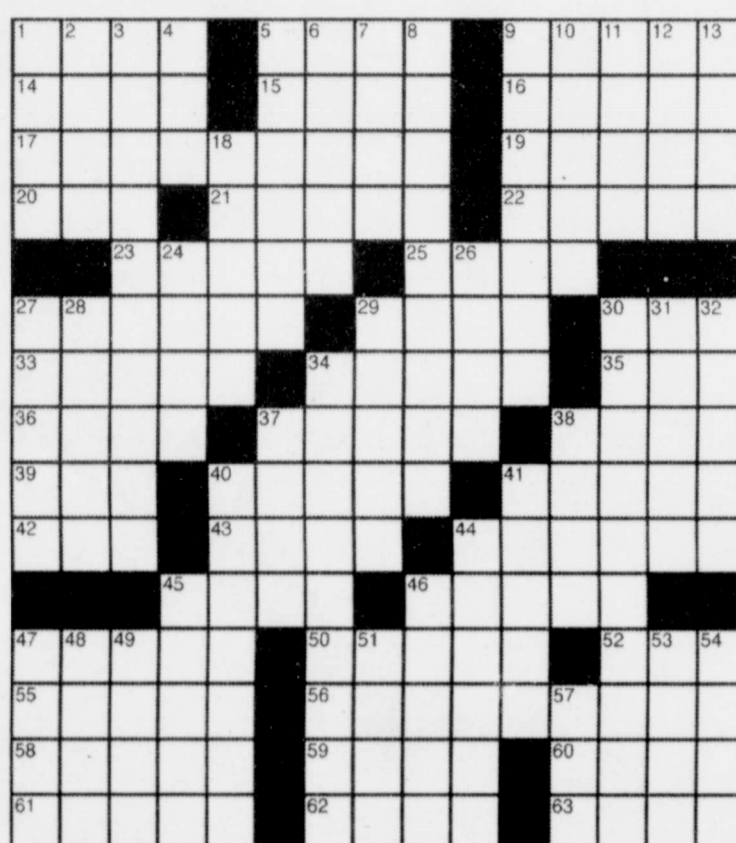
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- 14 Massage target
- 15 Inauguration highlight
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- 17 ... Boo or yoo follower
- 19 Jazz singer Carmen
- 20 "I should say ..."
- 21 Actress Gaynor
- 22 Leaves high and dry
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- 25 Gravity-powered vehicle
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- 34 Snowy locale in a Frost poem
- 35 Currently "in"
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- 42 Wolf's home
- 43 After the whistle
- 44 Green eggs and ham profferer, in Dr. Seuss
- 45 Rigatoni relative
- 46 Puzzles solved with a pencil
- 47 Circular dinner order
- 50 Actor's minimum
- 52 Atomic
- 55 Lies against
- 56 ... Reagan's first interior secretary
- 58 Camp craft

DOWN

- 1 Open wide
- 2 Cavern feature
- 3 ... Oldtime radio station in a 1990's AMC series
- 4 Prepared
- 5 Trig function
- 6 "Chicago Hope" actress
- 7 Completely
- 8 ... Inventor of the sewing machine
- 9 Certain plane engines
- 10 Charlton Heston title role
- 11 Lass
- 12 Art sch. class
- 13 Venerable Virginia family
- 18 Some Apples
- 24 Sperry's partner
- 26 Little shavers
- 27 Sap sucker
- 28 "Mule Train" singer, 1949
- 29 Onetime "Masterpiece Theatre" host
- 30 ... Massachusetts birthplace of the 19th-century feminist Elizabeth Packard



Puzzle by Stanley Newman

- 31 Cardiology concern
- 32 Robert Fulton power source
- 34 ... English river, site of the ruins of Tintern Abbey
- 37 Big blow
- 38 Rain or shine preceder
- 40 Pen names
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- 44 Like some solutions
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Baseball

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overall.

Mustang starters Wednesday are expected to be Bret Berglund (.301) at first, Brent Walker (.259) or Jimmy Gardiner (.279) at second, Drew Gillmore (.275) at shortstop, Josh Lansford (.273) at third, Sean Alexander (.304) in left field, Brandon Roberts (.286) in center, Matt Cooper (.355) in right, Kyle Blumenthal (.343) behind the plate and JJ Owen (.241), Chris Golik (.389) or Steve Pettit (.154) as designated hitter.

The Mustangs starting pitcher has not been announced.

In the series against Fresno State, Cal Poly never trailed, taking advantage of nine Bulldog errors and stealing seven of eight bases. Cal Poly opened with a 5-3 win as Garrett Olson improved to 5-0 by allowing three runs and four hits in eight innings with a season-high of 12 strikeouts, one short of his career high.

Sophomore right-hander Gary Daley then earned his first win this year with seven strong innings Saturday, and Cal Poly took advantage of four Fresno State errors for a 7-3 victory. Josh Lansford, Matt Cooper and Sean Alexander all belted home runs in the Mustangs' 9-7 win Sunday. It marked the first time in the 60-year history between the teams that Cal Poly earned a sweep.

After finals next week, Cal Poly will host Washington for a three-game series March 11-13. The pitching rotation likely will return to Jimmy Shull on Friday, Olson on Saturday and Daley on Sunday.

That rotation was disrupted by the rainout Feb. 11 at Pepperdine, resulting in Olson pitching on Fridays, Daley on Saturdays and Shull on Sundays thereafter.

Turn

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Q. — Do you think the team will recover and pull through for next season?

A. — Yes, they have some good leaders coming back so I think they'll be fine. It will be a good team as long as they play together and everybody is on the same page.

Q. — How was your overall basketball career at Cal Poly?

A. — It was up and down but I learned a lot from it. I came on as a walk-on my junior year and we had a really good team on paper. We beat USC and Cal, so those were good experiences. I played in a Cal game and that was a lot of fun. I had a lot of good experiences. The coaches allowed me to play on the team for a couple years. I always traveled which is not always common for a walk-on, so I got a chance to start some games this year. You know, it didn't have the storybook ending that I wanted it to but I guess it doesn't always happen like that. But I learned a lot and I had a good time.

Q. — Who influences you?

A. — My parents have a big influence on me because they have done a lot for me. As far as basketball, it would have to be Allan Iverson, obviously. He is my size and is scoring 30 points in the NBA and it's fun to watch him play. I always try to take the approach to the game of basketball like he does, he plays every game like it's his last and he's always got a chip on his shoulder, so that's the way I try to approach the games.

Here at Cal Poly, I have a lot of respect for Kameron Gray because not a lot of people realize that he is away from his son a lot and to go through what he has gone through this year and trying to come back and play next year, it's going to be fun to watch him come back and play next year.

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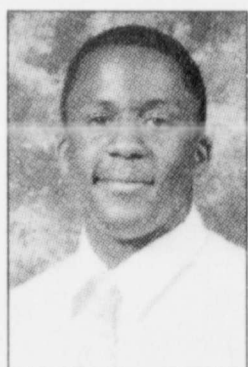
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THE ATHLETE'S TURN

This week's spotlight on ...



Men's basketball guard
Glenn Jones

Caitlin Donnell
MUSTANG DAILY

The Cal Poly men's basketball team was officially eliminated from making the Big West Tournament with a loss to Long Beach State last Thursday.

Beforehand, the Mustang Daily caught up with guard Glenn Jones, who provided insight on the team's season finale as well as the conclusion of his Mustang career.

Q. — How does it feel to not be able to get into the conference?

A. — Terrible. It makes this season feel like a failure. It was tough to play that last game since I was a senior and it was my last game. I really wanted to win. Everybody wasn't on the same page so it just didn't happen. We all wanted to win and we wanted to end the season on a good note since it has already been pretty bad.

Q. — Where do you see the team?

A. — I think they are going to be good next year. Kameron Gray is coming back and they are going to have another team like they had last year, a team that is really talented and really good. It's just all about if they play as a team. I think that was our problem this year; we didn't play as a unit in any of our games. The games we won, we played together, but it just wasn't consistent throughout the whole season. There would be games where we would lose to Utah or Pacific, and they are in the top 15 teams in the nation, and we would lose to them by 11 or 15 and then we would end up losing to teams like UC Davis, a team that is not even close to those teams by the same amount or by more. So, it is an inconsistency and it doesn't make sense.

Q. — What are your overall thoughts on the season?

A. — For me, personally, it was a failure because I felt that at the beginning of the year I didn't play well and I lost my starting job and as a senior. You need to find leadership from someone like me, and since I didn't perform on court, it's hard to tell the younger guys what to do from on the bench. But then I stuck with it and I got my chance again and I tried to do what I could but it just wasn't enough.

Q. — Is the loss more difficult to take when it's televised?

A. — Yeah it is because you have so many people watching like family and friends. Also you want to play for the school, and that's what I was thinking about. You represent the school and you're on TV, and it's not like we have a lot of games televised like that, so it is embarrassing.

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SOFTBALL

Age ain't nothing but a number

Robyn Kontra has wasted no time impressing at Cal Poly; the freshman standout is already 7-3 and looking to lead the Mustangs to 'great things'

Amanda Samonte
MUSTANG DAILY

It's tough being a freshman — living in the dorms and being bombarded by new people while adjusting to classes is not always easy. Journalism major and softball pitcher Robyn Kontra said that the support of her teammates helps her cope.

"My teammates help me out and keep me sane through rough times, academically and athletically," Kontra said. "We are really there for each other to pick each other up."

Besides taking 12 units, Kontra practices with her team four times a week after her personal pitching workouts, lifts and conditions two days a week while plays games on weekends.

"I tried to have lighter loads with my classes so I can get a feel for everything," she said. "The upperclassmen are really knowledgeable and so helpful and welcoming, especially when we're on the road."

Kontra's record is 7-3 for her first year at Cal Poly.

She has multiple pitches, including a rise, change, curve, screw and different kinds of drops. When asked what her favorite pitch is, she said that she "can't pick between (her) pitches because it's like choosing between children."



SHEILA SOBCHIK MUSTANG DAILY

Kontra has used a number of pitches to trick the batter including the riseball, changeup, curveball, screwball and a couple different drop pitches.

"I have to be confident in them all," she said.

Kontra's love for athletics started early — she began playing softball at age 6. She influenced by her older sister who now is a senior pitcher at the University of Oregon.

"My dad is the one that pushed

me and my sister to go out there and really work hard and develop our mechanics," Kontra said. "Some days weren't exactly fun, but he did it because he loved us. He taught us to strive for what we want."

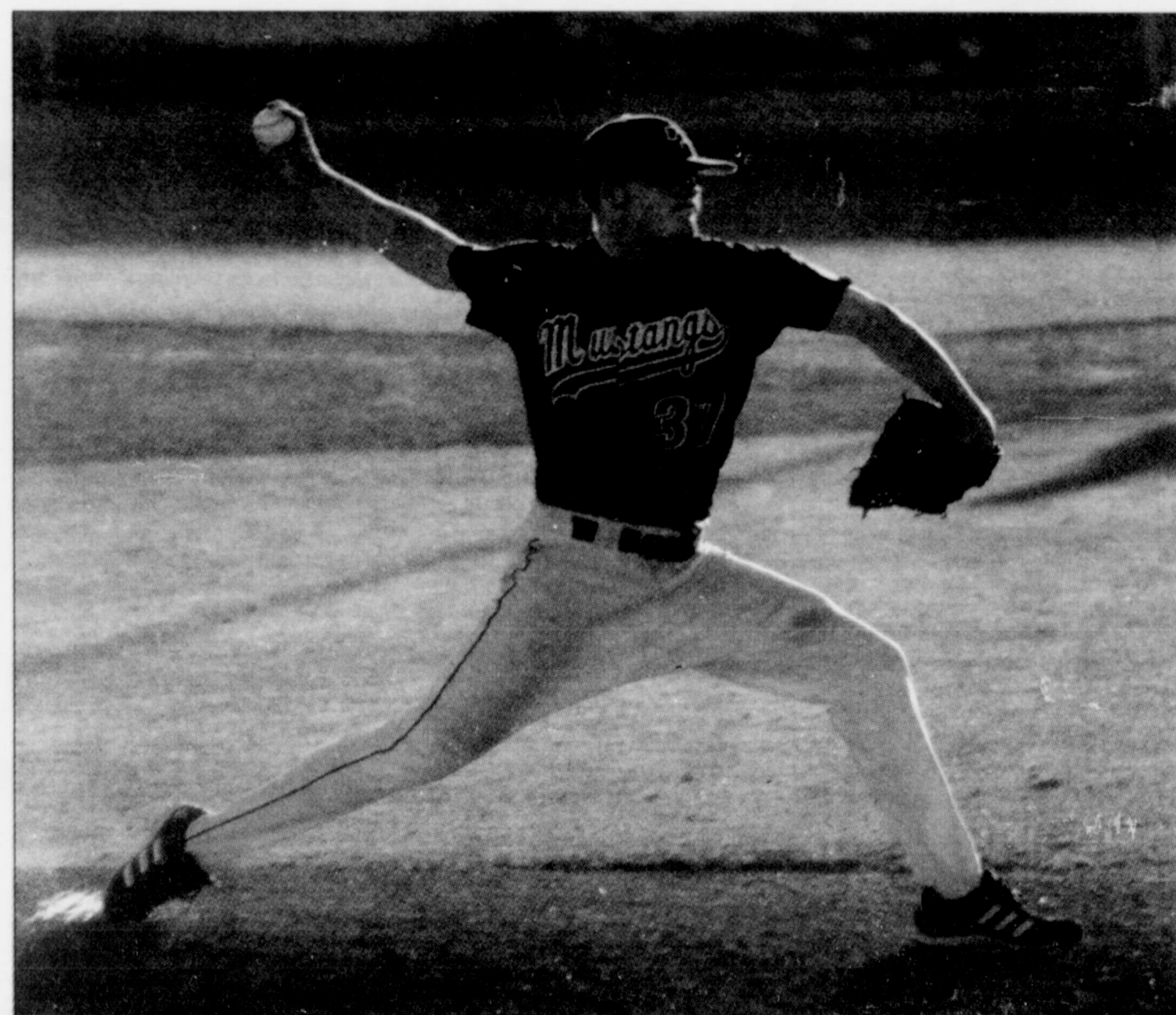
She said that professionally, she would like to work for ESPN in

sports journalism or public relations.

As for the team, Kontra said that the team is motivated and capable of "achieving great things."

"Our team works really hard and I am proud of what we have done so far and what we can do in the future," Kontra said.

Chance for revenge against a rival



SHEILA SOBCHIK MUSTANG DAILY

Rocky Roquet pitched a couple scoreless innings in relief for the Mustangs against Fresno State.

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

Coming off its first-ever sweep of Fresno State, the Cal Poly baseball team will attempt to beat another team that it had trouble with last week.

Cal Poly (13-9) will host UC Santa Barbara today at 6 p.m. in Baggett Stadium, the Mustangs' only game for the next 11 days. Cal Poly began this season with a 5-1 start then lost eight of its next 13 games before sweeping the Bulldogs by scores of 5-3, 7-3 and 9-7 on the road.

UC Santa Barbara (8-9) is hitting .259 as a team, with just two hitters over .300 and one other at .299. They have been swept by Oregon State and Washington the past two weekends, following a 7-2 start, but owns a 101-75 advantage against the Mustangs all-time.

Last Tuesday, Cal Poly fell 11-8 at Santa Barbara. The Mustangs used nine pitchers — one per inning — with the Gauchos scoring the go-ahead run in the sixth. It negated the fact that the Mustangs overcame a 5-1 deficit early in the game and had 15 hits, seven more than the Gauchos

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